

# The Paducah Sun.

The Weather.  
Increased cloudiness and slightly warmer tonight, with probably showers Friday.

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PADUCAH KENTUCKY. THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 18, 1905.

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## PLANS OUTLINED FOR MIGHTY EFFORT

### Rivers and Harbors Committee Pleased With Inspection.

## CALL FOR WATERWAYS CONVENTION

### The Conference to be National in Its Scope—Preliminary Session to Be Held at Cincinnati.

The suggestion of Congressman Joseph E. Randall of Louisiana, to hold a national waterways convention assumed a formal shape at a conference held on board of the steamer Queen City yesterday afternoon between the officers of the Ohio Valley Improvement association and the members of the rivers and harbors committee, who have finished their trip of inspection down the Ohio river.

The conference was supplementary to that Tuesday at which the scheme for holding of the convention was outlined.

John L. Vance, president of the Ohio Valley Improvement association, was selected chairman of the meeting and James W. Wardrop, of Pittsburg, manager of the Merchants and Manufacturers' association of that city was chosen secretary.

After a lengthy discussion the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of all present:

Resolved, That for the purpose of inducing the government to adopt a more liberal policy for the improvement of the waterways of the country, the Ohio Valley Improvement association be requested to invite within thirty days from the date thereof, one representative from every waterway improvement association in the country, and such other persons as it may deem proper, to a conference at Cincinnati for the purpose of devising and carrying out a plan for holding a national waterways convention during the early part of next session of congress. It was decided that the proposed convention be absolutely delocalized and deal in generalities in handling this question.

Those present at the conference were Congressman Davenport, of West Virginia; Bishop, of Michigan; Acheson, of Pennsylvania; Alexander, of New York; Davidson, of Wisconsin; McLachlin, of California; Lorimer, of Chicago; Jones, of Washington; Bede, of Minnesota; Ransdell, of Louisiana; and Swager, of Louisville; Col. John L. Vance, of Columbus, O.; Captains James A. Henderson, W. B. Rogers, Mr. G. H. Anderson, and E. J. Lloyd, of Pittsburg; Albert Bettinger and Captain Robert W. Wise, of Cincinnati; Jas. H. Cassidy, of Cleveland; Mayor Geo. Parsons, of Cairo, and Hon. F. B. Posey, of Evansville.

The 969 miles from Pittsburg to Cairo was covered in just one week. The trip could have been made in better time, but a slow schedule was provided to make a daylight run of as much of the river as possible. All the members of the congressional party left the boat at Cairo, some going to Chicago, where they will make an inspection of the Illinois river and the drainage canal.

President Vance in an interview at Cairo yesterday afternoon said:

"The trip has done a world of good and we are more than satisfied with the results. We are convinced that the members of the rivers and harbors committee favor the improvement of the river and only stand back because of the indifference of congress to appropriate the money necessary. It remains now for our association and the people of the Ohio Valley and of the entire United States to rise to this duty."

Albert Dettinger of Cincinnati, said: "The people of the Ohio Valley never made a better investment. The members of the river and harbors committee have now seen the river, its commerce and heard from the lips of experienced river men and the business men along its thousand miles of fertile way its saddest needs. The members of the committee are in favor of the improvement and I am sure would be willing to grant them, but they have congress to fight to overcome its reluctance to appropriate sufficient money to meet the needs in this direction. A good work has been started in this convention and we hope that it will bear

good fruit when it comes to a head."

The officials of the Ohio Valley Improvement association are gratified over the results of the trip. They hold that it means much to the Ohio river and that the accomplishment of the project to hold a national waterways convention is in itself a sufficient recompense for the Ohio shall share handsomely in any increase which congress may be prevailed upon to make for rivers and harbors improvement.

At the banquet last night at Cairo the following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the congressmen and party:

The guests of the "On to Cairo" tour of the Ohio river from Pittsburg to Cairo on board the steamer Queen City, en tour May 17, 1905.

Favored as perhaps no people have been favored during the history of the Ohio river, and deeply appreciating the honor, as well as the comfort, care and courtesy of the trip so graciously and so generously tendered by our hosts and so much enjoyed by all, hereby

Resolved, That we respectfully tender our sincere thanks and appreciation.

To Capt. J. Frank Ellison, of the steamer Queen City and his gallant and efficient crew who have so carefully planned for our pleasure, care and comfort, and has so successfully carried same into effect, thereby contributing in every way to our most pleasant voyage.

To the ladies of the Ohio Valley and the citizens generally of every city from Pittsburg to Cairo, inclusive, for their many courtesies and most generous hospitality, and for the 1,000 mile ovation so spontaneously tendered to the party.

To the press of every city on the Ohio river from Pittsburg to Cairo, inclusive, and to every other city which has given generous space and wide spread publicity to this tour of inspection and instruction. To the ladies of the party, who, by their presence and genial companionship have so largely contributed to the success and pleasure of the trip.

COMMITTEE.  
No speeches were made by any of the Paducah delegation at the Cairo banquet last night, as all the time was given over to the members of the rivers and harbors committee. Paducahans speak highly of the hospitality of Cairo and her business men, and say the banquet was one of the swiftest possible to imagine.

### MANY DEATHS

At Panama, According to a Man Just Returned.

Pittsburg, May 18.—John H. Caldwell, who went to Panama to work as boss carpenter on the canal has returned and says the temperature ranges from a hundred and twenty to a hundred and thirty during the day and there is a lot of yellow fever. The only means of keeping account of the deaths is to count the graves. The quarters for workmen are said to be bad.

### A New Grain Elevator.

Paris, Tenn., May 18.—The Paris Milling company has begun on the foundation for an up-to-date elevator to be erected in connection with their warehouse. It will consist of two immense steel tanks 25 feet in diameter and 40 feet in height, and will hold 30,000 bushels of grain, which in connection with the present warehouse, will give a capacity of 70,000 bushels.

### THE LIMIT.

Cassie Is to Write a Book, Instead of Going on the Stage.

Cleveland, May 18.—Mrs. Cassie Chadwick has announced that she will write a book. She says when it is issued, it will provide some sensational reading.

## JUNCTION FORMED SEVERAL DAYS AGO

### Big Russian Fleet Then Steamed Out of Sight.

Believed That the Conflict Cannot Now Be Long Delayed—Vladivostok Ready for Siege.

### MANY STORES FOR RUSSIANS

Saigon, May 18.—The junction of the fleets of Rojstvensky and Nebogatoff was effected off this port and outside of territorial waters, May 8. The combined fleet remained in the vicinity of the Point, where the junction was effected, until May 14, when they started seaward, sailing in an easterly direction.

### Junks With Provisions.

London, May 18.—The correspondent of the Star at Hong Kong wires that a fleet of a hundred and fifty Chinese junks, fully laden with provisions for the Baltic fleet was sighted off Kwang Chauwan Tuesday, the junks evidently under the direct control of Russians. The junks showed no lights but when they saw they were observed, suddenly displayed signals.

### Saw 42 Vessels.

Singapore, May 18.—The steamer Segovia arrived today and reports that she passed Monday 42 vessels of the Baltic fleet, forty miles from Cape Varella on the Annam coast. The vessels were steaming slowly toward the north.

### No Plague in Manchuria.

St. Petersburg, May 18.—Reports that the plague has broken out among soldiers in Manchuria are denied.

### Vladivostok Ready For Long Siege.

St. Petersburg, May 18.—According to the latest advices from Vladivostok, the garrison there now numbers fifty thousand and is well prepared to stand a long siege if necessary. The place is well supplied with cattle and coal, and other necessities as well as ammunition. General Linevitch is reported to have said the fortress is prepared to stand a siege of a year.

### Seized Its Own Vessel.

London, May 18.—The Central News says that the steamer Lincluden, captured by the Japanese south of Korea Monday was Japanese property. This is the third of its own vessels the Japanese warships have seized while carrying produce to Japan.

### Battle is Drawing Near.

St. Petersburg, May 18.—With a suspicious stoppage of dispatches from Manchuria, and the strong possibility that Rojstvensky has cut his last communications with home and set forth on the final stage of his journey to his goal, either Togo or Vladivostok, keen interest is manifested in naval and military circles here in the two-fold fields of war.

Though the admiralty, which has been completely silent since the advent of Rojstvensky in to the Chinese sea, publishes no dispatches the conviction is growing that the united squadrons departed from the Annam coast immediately after their junction and naval officials are anxiously expecting news of the first skirmishing between scouts of the hostile fleets.

The Associated Press correspondent, on his visit to naval officials to investigate the rumor that Rojst-

## JOHN RAMAGE DIED OF AN OVERDOSE

### Found Unconscious at Commercial Hotel Today.

Believed to Have Taken the Poison to Relieve Pain—Carried to City Hospital.

### LIVED UNTIL ONE O'CLOCK.

Mr. John H. Ramage, a well known carpenter, aged 43, died this afternoon about 1 o'clock at the city hospital from an overdose of morphine, taken, it is alleged, accidentally in an effort to alleviate suffering.

The deceased had been working for Davis and Dunlap at Wickliffe, where they have several contracts under way, and came to the city Tuesday. He was boarding at the Commercial hotel, and last night was found by Dr. M. L. Rozzell, of Mayfield, who has been attending him and was a personal friend, unconscious and in a serious condition.

He immediately gave restoratives and siphoned the stomach of the unconscious man and at 9 o'clock this morning Mr. Ramage was taken to the city hospital.

He never regained consciousness, and did not live as long as the attending physicians thought he would.

Mr. Ramage is supposed to have taken the morphine to relieve pain, as he was afflicted with chronic bladder trouble. He purchased yesterday sometime, it was learned, some quarter-of-a-grain morphine tablets, and is supposed to have taken several of them, and got too much. It is not known how long before he took the poison it was, until he was found during the night.

The deceased came to Paducah from up about Marion, Crittenden county, Ky., four or five years ago, and had resided here ever since. He had the misfortune to lose his wife about February 27. It is said that he had brooded over her death ever since, and was despondent, and there are rumors the poison was taken with suicidal intent, but no proof of it.

The deceased was about 45 years old, and leaves a son, Vern Ramage, aged about 18, who is now in the city. The remains were taken to the Matill & Effinger undertaking establishment this afternoon, and Coroner Crow will hold an inquest tomorrow morning.

The body will be taken to Kelsey, Ky., near Princeton, at noon tomorrow, to be buried beside that of his wife.

### Curt Loses a Thumb.

Frankfort, Ky., May 18.—Curtis Jett's thumb on the right hand was cut off by a machine while at work in the chair department of the prison yesterday.

Jett was broken down in health, was repeatedly and eagerly questioned for the latest information, through press dispatches, which it was declared, is a better source than the admiralty. Neither the admiralty nor individual officers have any information regarding the report expressed doubts of its accuracy.

Capt. Clado confirmed the statement of the Associated Press that the vessels of both squadrons are equipped with apparatus for cleaning their bottoms at sea.

On the military side indications are that events are rapidly shaping for the preliminary stage of another great battle. The Russian army has been refitted and is ready for action.

## CAPT. JAS. M. EZELL DIES SUDDENLY

### Veteran Merchant and Official Passed Away This Afternoon.

Had Been in Feeble Health for Several Months But Death Was Unexpected.

### NO FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Capt. James M. Ezell, the veteran merchant and at the time of his death back tax collector, died this afternoon about 2 o'clock at his home on North Fifth street from a complication of diseases. His death was very unexpected, although he had been in failing health for several months.

Capt. Ezell was on the petit jury at the present term of court, and was able to go down into the city nearly every day, although sometime he returned too weak and exhausted to get off the street car without assistance.

This morning he was unable to leave home, and when his wife went to him about 10 o'clock, found him unconscious. Doctors were called, and it was stated at noon, gave no hope for recovery. They give it as their opinion that this is the end, and that Capt. Ezell could not live but a few hours longer.

He was born in Calloway county, and was about 63 years old. He married a sister of the late Colonel Tom Corbett, who survives him.

For many years he was in the clothing business, and several years ago was a member of the city council. He had also served as license inspector, and in some of the minor city offices.

Capt. Ezell was a Confederate veteran, and a most popular man. He was a genial, generous man with a host of friends, and hundreds will be pained to learn of his death.

He had a brother in Mayfield, who was this afternoon notified of his death. No funeral arrangements have yet been made.

### CASE FINISHED.

Fate of "Blue Beard" Hoch in the Hands of Jury.

Chicago, May 18.—With an appeal to the jury to inflict the severest penalty provided by law for murder, Assistant State's Attorney Healy last evening finished his closing argument in the trial of Johann Hoch, charged with the murder of Mrs. Marie Welck-Hoch. Counsel for Hoch, Attorney Isadore B. Plotke made a strong plea to the Germans on the jury. He referred to Hoch as "this German here," and he kept Hoch's nationality before the jury in nearly every statement. Judge Kerstein's court room was crowded, many fashionably dressed women being spectators.

### THREE SCORE AND TEN.

This Man Was Executed for Murder in Connecticut.

Hartford, Conn., May 18.—Gorsehon Marx, an aged murderer, suffered the penalty for his crime in the state prison just after midnight. His last words were a protest of his innocence. Marx was almost 74. He killed a farm hand and is believed to have murdered another.

### General Assembly Opens.

Winona Lake, Ind., May 18.—The general assembly of the Presbyterian church opened today with a sermon by the retiring moderator, Dr. Henry Dr. Moffatt, of Washington, Pa., will probably be elected moderator.

## TODAY'S MARKETS

	Open.	Close.
Wheat—		
Sept	80 1/4	83 1/4
July	86 1/4	89 1/4
Corn—		
Sept	47 1/4	48 1/4
July	48	49
Oats—		
Sept	28 1/4	28 1/4
July	29 1/4	30 1/4
Pork—		
July	12.65	12.75
Cotton—		
May	7.92	7.86
July	7.85	7.75
Aug.	7.81	7.73
Oct.	7.93	7.83
St. L.	1.60 1/2	1.57 1/2
L. & N.	1.44 1/2	1.42 1/2

## PRESIDENT GOMPERS SAYS END IS NEAR

### Believes the Strike Will be Settled in Short Time.

Meetings to Be Held Today—School Children Who "Struck" Arraigned in the Courts.

### SENT TO A REFORM SCHOOL.

Chicago, May 18.—It is highly probable that the next twenty-four hours will see the end of the strike in Chicago. Although none of the laborer leaders will so acknowledge, it is generally understood that a program for calling off the strike has already been arranged.

Today a meeting will be held between the teamsters' joint committee and a committee representing the Team Owners' association. It will be made plain to the teamsters that the business interests of the owners render it imperative that the boycott be lifted. It will then be agreed by the team owners and teamsters in joint council that the demand of the team owners to make deliveries to boycotted houses with union drivers be submitted to arbitration.

This arbitration is to concern only the Team Owners' association and teamsters, members of the Employers' association being in no manner interested in it in an official sense. Pending the decision of the board of arbitration the strike is to be called off and such members of the Teamsters' union as are able to obtain their old situations will return to work. This will end the strike entirely with the exception of the strike against Montgomery, Ward & Co., and it is not expected that aggressive measures will be adopted by either side, trouble in this direction being allowed to die out gradually.

President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, was very active in all efforts made towards settling the strike. He conferred with members of the Team Owners' association, held conferences with the teamsters and had an extended talk with Mayor Dunne. He expressed himself as confident that the strike would be adjusted within a short time. Little opposition was made by strikers to deliveries by non-union drivers. In fact the streets had almost assumed their normal condition and there was little to indicate that a strike of such large proportions was in progress.

The authorities have taken hold of the strike fever in the public schools with a firm hand and Judge Mack of the juvenile court, sentenced three boys to the house of correction and released one on probation.

President Gompers held a consultation today with a member of the state board of arbitration and labor leaders. A plan was discussed for a settlement of the strike and President Gompers said he would meet Clarence Darrow and Levy Mayer today, when he hoped some agreement will be reached to close the strike. Gompers leaves for Dayton, O., this evening.

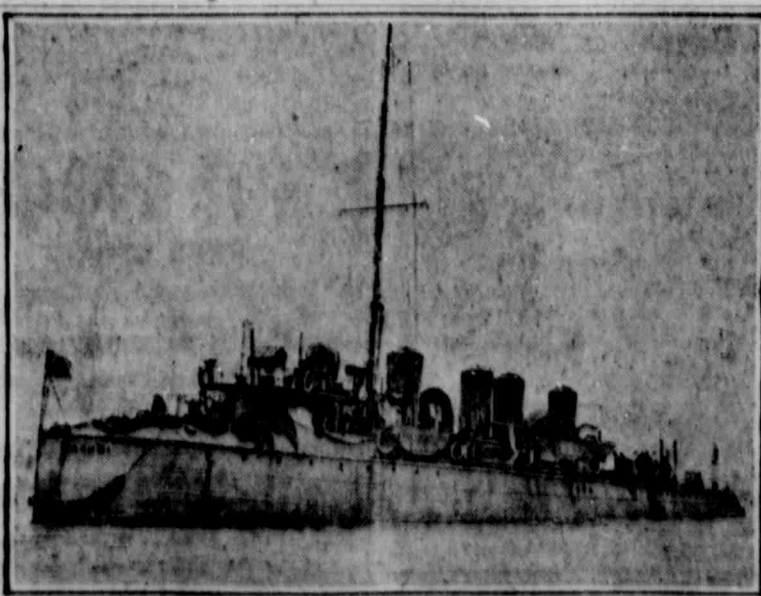
## PALA, THE MORO CHIEF, HAS MET HIS FATE.

Manila, May 18.—News has been received that Pala, the outlaw Moro chief pursued for two weeks on the Island of Jolo by troops under General Wood, has been killed. His few surviving followers are now being trailed by troops. At the beginning of the uprising, Pala was reported to have a following of six hundred armed men, most of whom have been killed.

### MANILA BANK

Has Been Placed in the Hands of the Authorities.

Manila, May 18.—The American bank in this city has been closed by order of Gen. Wright, and is now in charge of the insular authorities. The reason given is the protection of depositors. The capital of the bank is fifty thousand paid in, and a hundred thousand subscribed. The deposits are about a hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.



JAPANESE TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYER KASUMI.